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## TO OUR PATRONS

We thank you our patrons, for your enthusiasm, your patronage and for the many fine letters you have sent us. We trust we will always be able to live up to your expectations. We thank you now for all past, present and future business and you can be sure we will do our best to try and please you.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**PRICES QUOTED** are for field grown divisions of stock that has not been forced or propagated from and includes prepayment on all retail orders of \$2.00 and over.

**GUARANTEE:** We guarantee all stock sent out to be true to name as grown by us and to reach you in a growing condition. We will gladly replace any that should prove otherwise. In case of error on our part it is agreed that we shall not be held responsible for a greater amount than the original price of the stock purchased.

**TERMS:** Cash with order or in advance of shipment.

**ORDER EARLY.** To avoid disappointment as stock of some of the most desirable varieties will not be sufficient to fill all orders.

**TIME OF SHIPMENT:** Tubers March 1 to May 15. Plants May 1 to July 1. Eastern shipments not advised until after April 1 on account of freezing.

**SUBSTITUTION:** We do not substitute unless directed to do so.

## GREEN PLANTS

Green plants when properly grown are superior to tubers. They produce as good if not better flowers, the roots are clean and more easy to divide. Our plants are stocky and hardy, we pack them to go anywhere. We use no artificial heat in our glass house, the California sun being sufficient. All plants are hardened off in the lath house from two to four weeks before sending out. If you have been disappointed with green plants before, try ours. Plants should be planted out promptly upon arrival and not allowed to dry out. Dip the root of the plant in water before planting, plant at least 6 inches deep, filling the hole up gradually as the plant grows.

## VISITORS WELCOME

You are cordially invited to visit our gardens this coming season. We have 10 acres, five of which will be planted to dahlias, making one of the largest plantings in the San Gabriel Valley. Last year our planting consisted of over 12,000 plants; this year we will have a planting of over 20,000.

We are located 2½ miles north east of Baldwin Park and 3½ miles south west of Azusa on what will be the new Arrow Highway when completed. Our gardens are open daily except Saturday which is our rest day. You will find our gardens different from the others, come and see them. Our trial garden always creates much admiration.

## Explanation of Abbreviations

(Dec.—decorative) (Hyb. Cac.—Hybrid Cactus)  
(Cac.—Cactus)

## NEW DAHLIAS FOR 1928

This year we are introducing several new dahlias that were developed in the gardens of Mrs. Evelyn M. Dane of Los Angeles. These we believe are some of the best of her many fine seedlings.

**MISS LOS ANGELES, Dec.** A most beautiful golden dahlia which attracted much attention last season. The flowers are carried high above a medium sized bush on long cane like stems. The petals curl back in a most attractive manner forming a large golden ball. No. 252—Plants only \$5.00

**M. L. GRIFFITH, Hyb. Cac.** A sensational dahlia. A deep cerise with silver reverse. The petals are beautifully twisted and curled in a manner which shows both colors, giving a bi-colored effect. The large flowers are carried on strong, slender stems. A free bloomer and good keeper.

No. 253—Tubers \$5.00; Plants \$2.50

**HAL HOLMES, Dec.** A broad petaled decorative, Tyrian pink deepening to aster purple. Flowers averaging 5 to 7 inches across with fair depth. Rigid cane like stems, flowering habit good. Received rating of 82 at Storrs, Conn. Trial garden in 1926.

No. 250—Tubers \$5.00; Plants \$2.50

**HARRIET HAYES, Dec.** This large dahlia of amaranth pink was much admired in our garden the past season. Very free, continuous, bloomer. Full centers till late in the season. Strong rigid stems, bushes of medium height. Flowers sell on sight.

No. 241—Tubers \$5.00; Plants \$2.50.

### GENERAL LIST

227. **ALBERT WANDA, Dec.** A large white dahlia suffused with primrose and rose. Tubers 25c

308. **AMBASSADOR, Cac.** Enormous cactus of creamy yellow, suffused with salmon pink. Perfect stems. A prize winner. Tubers \$1.00; Plants 50c

277. **AUGUS MEGAR, Show.** Large flowers of lavender purple, strong vigorous plant. Tubers 50c

349. **BARBARA REDFERN, Dec.** Beautiful immense deep blooms of old rose and old gold produced freely on heavy stiff stems. Plants \$3.50

148. **BERTHA HORNE, Hyb. Cac.** Deep orange yellow, tinted with apricot. The large blooms are produced freely on low bushes. Tubers 50c

215. **BETTY AUSTIN, Hyb. Cac.** Rosy carmine, with small amounts of yellow at the base and tips. Good stems. Profuse bloomer. Tubers 35c

204. **BIANCA, Hyb. Cac.** Lavender, strong stems, free bloomer. Tubers 75c; Plants 50c

259. **BLACK BEAUTY, Dec.** Medium size, dark maroon. Tubers 35c

194. **BLOSSOM, Peony.** Large whites blossoms, slightly tinted pink. Tubers 35c

254. **B. P. O. E., Hyb. Show.** Elk's purple. Very attractive when arranged with white blooms of similar type. Tubers 50c

276. **BREAK O' DAY, Hyb. Cac.** Clear sulphur yellow with lighter tips. Tubers 35c

110. **CANDY, Hyb. Cac.** The bushes produce flowers of different colors. Some are ruby red, while others are white with a red margin. Tubers 25c

187. **CARMENCITA, Dec.** Yellow splashed with red. Large blooms, dwarf bushes. Tubers 50c

108. **COUNTESS OF LOUNSDALE, Cac.** Reddish salmon, changing to fawn. A profuse bloomer, low bushes. Tubers 25c

334. **COURRONE D'OR, Dec.** Old gold with old rose reverse. Large deep flowers, carried on long stiff stems. Free bloomer. Plants \$1.50

201. **CREAM OF THE VALLEY, Show.** Cream pink, tipped crimson. Tubers 50c

301. **DARDANELLA**, Dec. A very attractive combination of scarlet red and yellow. Profuse bloomer. Tubers 50c
219. **DELICE**, Dec. Medium size clear pink. Good cut flower. Tubers 25c
186. **DUNDEE**, Hyb. Cac. Florist flower of rich burnt orange, medium size. Tubers 25c
303. **EARL WILLIAMS**, Dec. A popular dahlia, scarlet tipped white. Plants 75c
322. **EDITH TANNER**, Hyb. Cac. Salmon, shading to yellow center. Plants \$1.00
289. **E. F. HAWS**, Cac. Clear pink on strong stems. Tubers 75c
302. **EL CAMINO REAL**, Dec. A large gorgeous velvety crimson. Plants 75c
238. **EL GRANADA**, Hyb. Cac. Large orange red, with creamy yellow reverse. Has won many prizes. Tubers 75c
172. **ELSA**, Peony. Splendid pure white. Often comes with full centers. Strong stems and a free bloomer. Tubers 35c
222. **ELSIE DAVIDSON**, Show. A mass of yellow flowers from early till late. A very good cut flower. Tubers 50c
383. **EMMA MARIE**, Dec. Clear pink, with creamy white center. Large blooms which are a favorite for both exhibition and commercial use. Plants \$1.
274. **EMPRESS EUGENIA**, Dec. Rich lavender, continuous bloomer. Tubers 50c
239. **FAITH GARIBALDI**, Dec. An immense deep rose decorative of great substance. Exceptionally strong stems. Excellent keeper and a persistent prize winner. Tubers \$2.50; Plants \$1.25
260. **FERNAND OLIVET**, Cac. Brilliant maroon with scarlet shadings. Free bloomer. Tubers 35c
273. **FLAME OF FIRE**, Dec.. Flaming red, loose broad wavy petals. Tubers 50c
351. **FLAMING METEOR**, Dec. A prize winner. Flaming orange scarlet, long tough cane like stems. Excellent cut flower. Plants \$2.50
114. **FLARE**, Cac. Bright scarlet, strong stems. dwarf plant, flowers keep well when cut. Tubers 25c
272. **GEE WHIZ**, Hyb. Cac. The immense blooms are soft buff shaded salmon. Tubers 50c
174. **GEN'L ROSALIE JONES**, Hyb. Cac. Golden yellow. Tubers 50c
163. **GEO. WALTERS**, Hyb. Cac. Pinkish salmon, tinged with gold at center. Tubers 35c
291. **GLADYS SHERWOOD**, Hyb. Cac. An immense star shaped white. Tubers 75c
154. **GOLDEN WEST**, Cac. A popular cut flower variety in golden orange. Tubers 25c
323. **GOLD RUSH**, Dec. Clear lemon yellow. The flowers are large. The bush is a vigorous grower of average height. Tubers \$1.50; Plants 75c
200. **GOOD-BYE DELICE**, peony. Clear pink. Tu. 25c
202. **GRACIE MARIE**, Peony. Rosy terra cotta. Tubers 75c
113. **GUSTAV DOUZON**, Dec. Large, free blooming red. Good for cuttings. Tubers 25c
158. **HALLOWE'EN**, Peony. Buff shaded with orange and bronze. Good stems. Tubers 25c
225. **HARRY DAVIDSON**, Dec. A very pleasing variety of mulberry shadings. The flowers are large stems, fine tall bushes always in bloom. Tu. \$1
304. **HEIMWEH**, Hyb. Cac. Amaranth purple, large flowers with the best of stems, and excellent keeping qualities. Plants 75c
313. **HELIUM**, Hyb. Cac. Cadmium orange over chrome yellow. Plants \$1.00
290. **IMP.**, Cac. Very dark maroon. Tubers 75c

101. **INNOCENCE**, Dec. Medium sized decorative of pure white. Long, strong, slender, stems. Tubers 25c
157. **INSULINDE**, Dec. Orange buff with a golden sheen; broad, curling petals. Tubers 75c, plants 50c
324. **ISLAM PATROL**, Hyb. Cac. A prize winner of very dark velvety scarlet, tipped and flushed with gold. Plants \$1.00
269. **JANE SELBY**, Dec. Pale mauve pink, large flowers. Tubers 50c
271. **JEAN CHAZOT**, Hyb. Cac. Nasturtium red with a golden suffusion. Tubers 75c
177. **JEAN KERR**, Dec. Pure white ball shaped flower. Tubers 50c
242. **JERSEY'S BEAUTY**, Dec. A most popular pink dahlia; long strong stem. Tubers \$1, plants 50c
205. **JUDGE MAREAN**, Dec. Orange yellow with outer portion of petals. carmine red. Large flowers, free bloomer, long straight stem. Tu. \$1, plants 50c
221. **JUNIOR**, Dec. Huge dahlia of pure lavender. Tubers \$1.00
237. **J. W. DAVIES**, Dec. Deepest cerise at center, graduating to a lighter tint. Profuse bloomer. Tubers \$2.00; Plants \$1.00
230. **KING HAROLD**, Peony. Very dark maroon. Tubers 50c
307. **KING OF SHOWS**, Hyb. Show. Rich old gold. large flowers, carried on long strong stem. Plants 75c
314. **KITTY DUNLAP**, Dec. A new shade of American beauty rose. A satisfactory dahlia for any purpose. Flowers are large, freely produced, and good keepers when cut. Long stiff stems. Tubers \$1.00; Plants 75c
164. **LADDIE**, Dec. A dwarf, free blooming variety, which produces large flowers of soft yellow, shaded orange, on strong stems. Tubers 50c
292. **LADY HELEN**, Hyb. Cac. Large beautifully formed flowers in carmine rose, tipped cream yellow. Tubers \$1.00; Plants 50c
147. **LIBERTY BOND**, Dec. Buff and yellow tinted pink. Tubers 50c
236. **MARGARET MASSON**, Dec. As grown by us this dahlia is a beautiful silvery purple. Free blooming and good stems. Tubers \$2.00; Plants \$1.00
208. **MARIPOSA**, Hyb. Cac. Lavender pink and white. The shaggy blooms are formed of long, narrow petals. Tubers 75c
102. **MARGUERITE**, Dec. A medium sized flower. Color, orchid shading to lavender. The bushes are a mass of blooms with full centers, until frost takes them. Tubers 25c
266. **MAUD ADAMS**, Show. A white dahlia, slightly flushed with pink. Very dainty. Tubers 25c
115. **MERLE**, Dec. Creamy yellow overlaid flesh pink. Flower of medium size. Tubers 35c
267. **MEVROUW BALLEGO**, Hyb. Cac. Brilliant garnet with scarlet shadings. Very free blooming. Tubers 50c
338. **MIDNIGHT**, Dec. A very dark red of the form of Insulinde. Tubers \$1.00
268. **MILLIONAIRE**, Dec. A very large delicate lavender, overshadowed with a pink cast. Tubers 50c
120. **MINA BURGLE**, Dec. Deep crimson. Good for cutting. Tubers 25c
255. **MISS HELEN HOLLIS**, Show. Deep scarlet, fine stems. Tubers 35c
293. **MONTECITO**, Hyb. Cac. Coral pink shading to a yellow center. Tuber \$1.00; Plants 50c
311. **MR. CROWLEY**, Dec. A much admired, bright glowing salmon pink, shaded with bright yellow. The bush is sturdy. Tubers \$1.00; Plants 50c

196. **MR. H. C. DRESSELHUYS**, Dec. Light pink, with a little white or blush suffusion. Tubers 50c
247. **MRS. C. A. GILLATT**, English Cactus. Rose pink, blending to a golden center. A large dahlia. Tubers \$1.00
275. **MRS. CARL SALBACH**, Dec. Mauve pink, shading to a lighter center. Tubers 50c
189. **MRS. EDNA SPENCER**, Cac. An exquisite shade of lavender or orchid pink. Long wiry stems. Tubers 50c
182. **MRS. ETHEL F. T. SMITH**, Hyb. Cac. A large creamy white, shading to a lemon tint in the center. Tubers 35c
335. **MRS. JOHN BAZANT**, Dec. Nearly white, blending to a very faint canary yellow at the center. Plants 75c
294. **MRS. P. A. VINCENT**, Hyb. Cac. The large flowers are of a glowing apricot buff and produced freely on perfect stems. Tubers \$1.00
265. **NEW CREATION**, Hyb. Cac. A rich amber gold of medium size. Tuber 50c
209. **NOBILIS**, Dec. A beautiful combination of white and crimson, with the white predominating. Very good for cutting. Tubers \$1.00; Plants 50c
278. **NORMAN**, Cac. A very large straight petal English cactus of bright crimson. Tubers 50c
285. **ORANGE BOVAN**, Dec. Fiery orange scarlet. Tubers 50c
117. **ORANGE DOUZON**, Dec. Reddish orange. large, good for cutting. Tubers 25c
192. **PINK BEAUTY**, Hyb. Cac. Pale lavender pink with lighter shadings. Tubers 50c
286. **PINK DELIGHT**, Hyb. Cac. A deep thulite pink shading to maize yellow at the base of the petals. The large flowers are of a broad petal, star shaped type. The stems and growing habits are excellent. Tubers \$1.00; Plants 50c
245. **PORTHOS**, Dec. Light violet, almost suggesting blue, probably the nearest approach to blue in dahlias. Good sized flowers, on straight stems. Tubers 50c
111. **PRIDE OF CALIFORNIA**, Dec. Crimson red with a dark center. Large flowers on perfect stems. Keeps very well when cut. Tubers 40c
228. **PRINCE IMPERIAL**, Dec. The rich royal purple flowers are very large and of a loose decorative type, made of broad wavy petals. Good stems. Tubers \$1.00; Plants 75c
287. **PRINCESS PAT**, Dec. A splendid long stem flower in rose, shaded with buff and amber. Very popular. Tubers 75c
256. **PURPLE MANITOU**, Dec. A velvety purple. Strong stems. Dwarf bush. Tubers 50c
218. **QUEEN MARY**, Dec. A pale silvery pink. The flowers are of medium size and produced abundantly on excellent stems. Keeps well when cut. Tubers 25c
197. **RALPH BALL**, Dec. Deep yellow, shading to a yellow at base of petals. Flowers are large, and full with good depth. Long stout stems. Tubers \$1.00; Plants 50c
257. **RED SEA**, Dec. A brilliant red flower of medium size, perfect stems and freedom of bloom. Tubers 35c
264. **RHEINISCHER FROHSIN**, Cac. The color is a deep rose intermingled with white. Long wiry stems. Tubers 50c
320. **ROBERT TREAT**, Dec. American Beauty Rose. The flowers are immense in size, perfect in shape, ideal stems. Winner of many prizes. Plants \$1.
327. **ROOKWOOD**, Dec. Bright cerise rose, a large flower. A prize winner. Plants \$1.50



240. **SAGAMORE**, Dec. Gold shading to a buff center. Flowers large. Free flowering. A wonderful prize winner as well as a profitable cut flower. Tubers \$2.00; Plants \$1.00
142. **SCOTTISH CHIEF**, Dec. An unusual shade of golden cocoa. Sometimes the petals are tipped with white, deepening into pink. Stems are long and strong. Tubers 35c
155. **SNOWDRIFT**, Dec. This large dahlia is well named. It is a full flower with broad snow white waxy petals. A profuse bloomer. Tubers 75c
280. **SNOWDRIFT**, Cac. A cut flower of large size, good stems, pure white and wonderful keeping qualities. Tubers 50c
312. **T. A. LEONARD**, Dec. An early continuous producer of immense blooms of deep cerise, on good stems. Tubers \$1.00
193. **TARANTULA**, Cac. Large salmon orange flowers. Tubers 50c
232. **TILIAMOOK**, Dec. Canary yellow. Tubers 50c
281. **TOM JONES**, Show. A medium size show dahlia of creamy yellow tipped with lilac, making a very handsome flower. Tuber 35c
234. **TRENTONIAN**, Dec. Old gold, amber, and bronze the color of an Indian's skin. Long stiff stems. A good cut flower. With ordinary culture can be grown to a large size. It is without doubt one of the outstanding dahlias of recent introduction. Tubers \$1.50; Plants 75c
296. **TRYPHINNE**, Dec. A variety somewhat resembling a water lily, a pale yellow and pink, a large flower on a very strong stem. Tubers \$1.00; Plants 75c
223. **VIVIAN**, Show. White suffused pink, tipped crimson. Tubers 35c
146. **WACHT AM RHEIN**, Cac. Delicate rosy pink with white suffusion. Free bloomer. Stiff wiry stems. Tubers 35c
173. **WASHINGTON CITY**, Hyb. Cac. A large waxy white bloom on a good stem. Tubers 35c
321. **WIZARD OF OZ**, Dec. An immense bloom of glowing amber pink. Stout erect stems. Plants \$1.50
214. **WODAN**, Hyb. Cac. Salmon rose with gold center. Free bloomer, good stems. Tubers 50c
143. **YSLETA**, Dec. Unique color being a rich copper rose. A strong grower producing large blooms on strong stems. Tubers 35c

#### POM PONS

354. **ALICE ROCKWOOD**, Old rose. Tubers 25c
356. **ALEWINE**, White shaded and tipped with lavender pink. Tubers 25c
355. **AMBER QUEEN**, Amber shaded with apricot. Tubers 35c
359. **ANNA VON SCHWERIN**, Delicate shade of light pink. Tubers 50c
357. **BLUSH GEM**, Pale pink edged with cerise. Tubers 25c
374. **DANDY**, Bright orange. Tubers 50c
361. **GRUSS AM WEIN**, Crushed strawberry. Tubers 50c
363. **HERBSTZEITLOSE**, White tipped with soft lilac. Tubers 35c
364. **JONKHEER VON CITTERS**, Yellow sharply tipped with orange red. Tubers 25c
368. **NERISSA**, Rose Pink. Tubers 50c
377. **PURE LOVE**, Shade of lilac to purple. Tubers 50c
369. **RIVAL**, Dark red. Tubers 50c
310. **STOLZ VON BERLIN**, Pink. Tubers 35c
372. **TOMMY KEITH**, Cardinal red tipped white. Tubers 25c
373. **ZOE**, Pure yellow. Tubers 35c

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

For those not acquainted with the different varieties of dahlias, we are making up collections of one dozen tubers each, of our own selection, giving a good variation of color and type at a greatly reduced rate. These collections are priced at \$2.00, \$3.00, \$5.00, \$10.00 per doz. and one special green plant collection at \$22.50.

For your convenience we offer a gift certificate for Christmas or other occasions for any amount desired. Gift certificates issued for special collections or regular stock as desired.

**NO. 1 COLLECTION.** This is made up of one dozen standard dahlias which have become mixed in handling and those that have lost their labels. Price \$2.00

**NO. 2 COLLECTION.** Twelve fine unnamed seedlings that were very good but not distinctive enough to name. Price \$2.00

**NO. 3 COLLECTION.** One dozen standard named dahlia tubers correctly labeled, all fine dahlias of the older introductions, extra value. Price \$3.00

**NO. 4 COLLECTION.** One dozen of the more recent introductions, great value. All correctly labeled. Price \$5.00

**NO. 5 COLLECTION.** One dozen large exhibition dahlias. These are all prize winners, all correctly labeled. Price \$10.00

**NO. 6 COLLECTION.** One dozen green dahlia plants, delivery May 1 to July 1. These plants are of the very best varieties listed. Many of these are 1927-28 introductions. These are greatly under priced. Write for name of plants included in this offer. Price \$22.50

**POM PON COLLECTION, 1 dozen, our selection, \$3.00**

## SEED

The warm dry midwinter weather we have had this year has enabled us to secure seed from many of the finest and largest dahlias in our garden. We are therefore able to offer to our customers a limited amount of very choice seed over our own planting requirements. This seed has been selected from a mixed exhibition garden of over 200 varieties of the world's best dahlias. Our extra selected seed is from a few of the larger full centered dahlias with good stems and growing habits. We do not believe there is any better seed than this at any price.

Our Price, 100 Seed \$2.00

Our standard dahlia seed has been selected from our growing fields and is the same quality that others usually get many times the price we are asking for this seed.

Put up in 25c, 50c packets. Large packets containing 150 to 200 seed \$1.00.

Pom Pon Seed, 100 Seed 50c.

Full Planting Instructions Contained in Each Packet

